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WEATHER.

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EASTER AND CHRISTMAS.

The whole Christian world is taking eager and devoted cognizance of this great festival in the calendar of the noble creeds they are serving, respectively. Taken as an expression of glory it divides the adoration of the hosts of Christ with that other and even dearer anniversary, Christmas, and both are entitled to the last measure of profound honor accorded. They are the two fundamental epochs of the earthly record made by the gentle Redeemer of Mankind. His birth and resurrection, both accomplished for the regeneration of man.

Today signifies the culmination of the career of this divine agency on earth, and teaches a marvelous and beautiful lesson of the triumph of faith in the good. All religions are intensely allegorical, and are so regarded, except by minds with narrow limitations that require the tangible byway of proof. And the exquisite story, of the resurrection and the ascension even in allegorical guise, is charged with a wonderful inspiration for the purification of lives and souls; just as the birth and life of the Christ serves the same divine end.

Even the non-Christian is glad to admit this singular beauty and influence, and as a motive, an inspiration for higher and sweeter things, he enjoys the right to appropriate it and make full use of it.

SOCIALISM.

The world has ceased the task of laughing socialism out of existence. The doctrine holds today with a plausible tenacity that is unshakable, and as time qualifies and simplifies its demands and methods of application, it will cease to be a vagary, a dream, and will take its place among the standard cults of human society.

The trouble with the socialist plea has been its utter inaptitude to existing conditions, and the fervid championship of its votaries for the immediate use of the doctrine in affairs and places where it would have wrought ruin, not only to their system, but to the organism it sought to displace.

It is one of those immense schemes in which time figures essentially as a pre-requisite, and the advanced socialist of today realizes this. The wisdom of the creed lies in its careful and timely adjustment to given elements of social, industrial and political life, and only upon this plane can it be successfully introduced. The engrafting of one of its great principles at a time, has given a wonderful impetus to the socialistic idea, and has been the means of making the doctrine more readily acceptable, because the changes, radically socialistic in origin and intent, were presented under other auspices and other names.

This was the hypothesis upon which the one great American leader and exponent of socialism, Edward Bellamy, presented the creed, and made it palatable. He fixed the hour of its fruition 125 years away, knowing that it would require that much time, to compel recognition and application of its principles in a segregated way, and his wisdom is being proven daily the country over.

It is a beautiful and alluring dogma, but it needs the most profound treatment in the concrete, whatever its followers may do with it in the abstract. It cannot be forced; it must be absorbed, in morsels, and proven in the same way all great beliefs are

proven, by degrees, by time, and by direct trial. Anything else means confusion, disruption and disappointment.

DEGREE SERVICE IN TRADES.

As time goes on and the issues between the employing and employed classes of the country become more clearly defined, the conclusion presents itself irresistibly that the trades unions have got to change their policy of distributing and qualifying the labor for which they stand and for which they exact specific consideration as to hours and compensation. In conversation with a heavy employer of union labor here, lately, the assertion was made by this big operator, that "he was perfectly willing to patronize union help, if he could only get it and pay for it in 'degrees,' that is, instead of having to pay the same rate of wage to the competent and the incompetent, the incompetents be graded to a scale of compensation analogous to their efficiency."

This complaint is becoming manifestly broader all the time and every where. Heavy employers are weary of the program and the issue is to be made soon with every one of the commanding trades, that they shall establish degrees and scales that will do away with the rank injustice of paying an apprentice the wages drawn by a master. It would seem to the ordinary observer that the issue is a square one and entitled to prompt consideration.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Missouri, unlike Kentucky, still sticks to the gerrymander as constitutional. According to the Missouri ideas a man ought to have only half representation if he belongs to the other party.

Considerable talk is heard in political circles about reactionary candidates for president. The democrats tried this expedient in 1904, and the people wrote "disaster" on the gates of Esopus.

Before proceeding to Washington the distinguished coterie of railroad presidents should take sufficient time to concoct a bamboozling hypothetical question to hurl at the chief magistrate.

The faculty of Columbia has made a singular admission. When notified of a bequest of \$300,000 for a dormitory they announced that the college is overstocked with dormitories.

Spring is here with its usual severity, but it was the other end of the thermometer that induced Sydney Smith to speak of the vernal tendency to spells of hard weather.

Our commerce with Japan amounts to \$100,000,000 a year, with exports and imports well divided. One item like this is worth more than all the vague war talk.

In New York on St. Patrick's day the Italians adorned themselves freely with the Shamrock. The Romans in Greater Ireland naturally do as the Irish do.

After two big floods within a few weeks of each other, the inhabitants of the Ohio valley feel like sitting up and taking notice of the principles of forestry.

After looking over the streets of New York some one terms it a "mining camp mis-called a city." The up-to-date mining towns will object.

It is an ancient saying that a horse may be led to water but not forced to drink. Perhaps an extra session has not been thoroughly tried.

The losses of the Ohio river towns by floods are heavy this spring, but small compared with the ravages of water in Wall street.

By the end of another week President Roosevelt will be one of the most efficient railroad men in the country.

Honors are easy in one respect. Both Mr. Fairbanks and Taft were born in Ohio.

In these times of prosperity even the panics are free from failures.

Do Not Crowd the Season. The first warm days of spring bring with them a desire to get out and enjoy the exhilarating air and sunshine. Children that have been housed up all winter are brought and you wonder where they all came from. The heavy winter clothing is thrown away and many shed their flannels. Then a cold wave comes and people say that grip is epidemic. Colds at this season are even more dangerous than in mid-winter, as there is much more danger of pneumonia. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, however, and you will have nothing to fear. It always cures, and we have never known a cold to result in pneumonia when it was used. It is pleasant and safe to take. Children like it. For sale by Frank Hart and Leading druggists.

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QUEEN OF SPAIN.

Heir to the Spanish Throne Expected in April.

MADRID, March 29.—Queen Victoria was attacked by a sudden indisposition yesterday, much to the alarm of the palace staff, which for a time thought that the queen had been prematurely accouched. The trouble, however, proved to be only temporary and the queen recovered.

It is expected that the queen will accouch not later than the middle of April.

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Dr. E. Lasker and F. J. Marshall, principals in the chess match for the championship of the world, have returned to New York from Memphis, Tenn., where they played their last game, leaving the former with a lead of seven games to none and seven drawn and requiring another game to win the match. It has been planned to visit Kansas City and Chicago but Marshall demurred. The next game will be played in this city probably on Tuesday.

Marshall states that he will be a competitor in the International Eastern Tournament at Ostend in May.

LISTEN

and remember the next time you suffer from pain—caused by damp weather—when your head nearly bursts from neuralgia—try Ballard's Snow Liniment. It will cure you. A prominent business man of Hempstead, Texas, writes: "I have used your liniment. Previous to using it I was a great sufferer from rheumatism and neuralgia. I am pleased to say that now I am free from these complaints. I am sure I owe this to your liniment." For sale at Hart's drug store.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, March 22nd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name and Amount. Includes Loans and Discounts (\$485,448.88), Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, Premiums on U. S. Bonds, Bonds, securities, etc., Other real estate owned, Due from National Banks, Due from State Banks and Bankers, Due from approved reserve agents, Checks and other cash items, Notes of other National Banks, Nickels and cents, Lawful money reserve in bank, Specie, Legal-tender notes, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, Total.

LIABILITIES.

Table with 2 columns: Liability Name and Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, National Bank notes outstanding, Due to State Banks and Bankers, Individual deposits subject to check, Demand certificates of deposit, Total.

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss.

I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of March, 1907.

V. BOELLING, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: W. F. McGRIGOR, G. C. FLAVEL, J. WESLEY LADD, Directors.

STATEMENT OF

Astoria Savings Bank

At the close of business March 23, 1907.

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Table with 2 columns: Liability Name and Amount. Includes Capital paid in, Surplus, Undivided profits, DEPOSITS, Subject to check, Time certificates, Demand certificates, Dividends unpaid, Total.

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